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SUBJECT : TRAVELS OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRIME MINISTER

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN DEPARTED DACCA AUGUST 29 VIA LONDON FOR TWO WEEK VISIT TO RANCE. FRG, BELGIUM, AND THE NETHERLANDS (EARLIER PRESS ACCOUNTS HAD INDICATED KAMAL WOULD VISIT ITALY, NOT THE NETHEGPANDS.) HE THEN WILL GO DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK FOR UNGA. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, KAMAL'S ARRIVAL DATE IN NEW YORK IS NOT FIRM BUT HE PROBABLY WILL ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 14 OR 15. BDG ANTICIPATES ITS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WILL COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION ON SEPTEMBER 17.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF AIRPORT INTERVIEW, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT WHEN PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN ATTENDS UNGA HE MIGHTTALSO TAKE THE
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OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH US LEADERS, BUT THAT MEETING

"DEPENDENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME". SOME NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THIS COMMENT WITH HEADLINE, "MUJIB-FORD TALKS LIKELY."

3. REGARDING EUROPEAN TOUR, FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THERE WERE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR JOINT COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE EEC AND BANGLADESH IN VITAL PROJECTS SUCH AS NATURAL GAS, FISHERIES, AND FORESTRY. KAMAL FURTHER SAID THAT EEC TARIFF BARRIERS AGAINST EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. BOSTER

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